

ditions made by Mr. Joyner in Brazil. It is possible that his "Pelotas" may refer to the Pelotas river, which forms the boundary between the States of Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catharina, between 27° – 28° S. lat., and where the fauna may correspond to that represented in the collection of Mr. Joyner. Until we have exact information on the localities visited by Joyner, I cannot admit these species with inexact habitats as proper for discussion, and they have consequently been omitted in my list of Rio Grande do Sul birds, which I have just finished.

São Paulo, March 10th, 1899.

[We quite agree with the author of this paper that there must have been an error in the locality "Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul," assigned to Joyner's specimens. On examining the labels of the specimens in the British Museum, we find that they are *not original labels of the collector*, but written, probably under Salvin's instructions, on card-labels specially prepared for the Salvin-Godman Collection.

Joyner, as we are kindly informed by Mr. Alexander Fry, was a civil engineer, employed on the waterworks of the city of São Paulo in the years 1881–3. Some of his specimens are labelled "Rio Claro, Goyaz," as will be observed in the Catalogue of Birds. This locality may be correct, but that of "Pelotas, Rio Grande do Sul," is, no doubt, *quite unreliable*. Mr. Fry does not believe that Mr. Joyner was ever at Pelotas himself, and the birds so labelled were probably procured from some one else.—P. L. S.]

XXXVI.—*Proceedings at the Anniversary Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union, 1899.*

THE Annual General Meeting of the British Ornithologists' Union was held at the rooms of the Zoological Society of London, 3 Hanover Square (by permission of the Council of that Society), on Wednesday, the 3rd of May, at 6 P.M., Mr. F. DuCANE GODMAN, F.R.S., President, in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Report of the Committee was read. It stated that the Union had suffered the loss of six Members by death since the last Anniversary. These were:—Mr. W. Borrer, Mr. W. E. Brooks, Professor O. C. Marsh, Mr. A. H. Everett, Mr. Osbert Salvin, and the Rev. A. C. Smith. To these names should be added that of Mr. F. C. Aplin, whose death in August 1897 was accidentally omitted to be noticed at the Annual General Meeting held in 1898.

Four Members had withdrawn, and four Members had been removed under the operation of Rule 6, for non-payment of their subscriptions.

The number of the Members of the Union was 338, consisting of 308 Ordinary, 2 Extraordinary, 10 Honorary, and 18 Foreign Members. There were 25 Candidates for the Ordinary Membership to be balloted for.

The state of the finances of the Union had justified the Committee in proceeding with the printing of the Subject-Index of the 36 volumes of 'The Ibis,' extending from 1859 to 1894. The manuscript of this Index had been completed. The Index had been framed on the same system as the Subject-Index of each separate series of 'The Ibis.' Four sheets, or 64 pages, had been already set up and passed for press. It was hoped the volume would be ready by the autumn. It was proposed to print only 300 copies of this Index. Members who had not compounded for the purchase of the two Index-volumes were therefore recommended to make early application for this Subject-Index volume, the cost of which would be £1 1s.

The Report having been adopted, the accounts for the year, which had been audited by Mr. H. E. Dresser, were presented by the Secretary, and approved by the Meeting.

Mr. F. DuCane Godman, F.R.S., was re-elected President, and Mr. E. W. Oates Secretary of the Union for the ensuing year. Mr. W. E. de Winton was elected a Member of the Committee in the place of Dr. R. Bowdler Sharpe, who retired by seniority.

The following 25 Candidates were then balloted for and declared to be duly elected Ordinary Members of the British Ornithologists' Union:—Frederick Robert Stephen Balfour, Dawyck, Stobo, N.B.: John Arthur Brooke, J.P., Fenay Hall, Huddersfield: Arthur Lennox Butler, State Museum, Kuala Lampor, Selangor, Federated Malay States: Thomas Leslie Melville Cartwright, Newbottle Manor, Banbury: Archibald Cowie, St. John's School, Leatherhead: Frederick Curtis, Chalfont House, 20 Queen Square, W.C.: Sutton A. Davies, 2nd E. Lanc. Regt., Rhaniket, Kumaon, N.W.P., India: Frank Herbert Carruthers Gould, 3 Endsleigh Street, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C.: Capt. Robert Napier Harvey, R.E., Chatham: Richard Heywood, St. Margaret's Place, King's Lynn: The Rev. Francis Charles R. Jourdain, Clifton Vicarage, near Ashbourne: George Augustin Macmillan, 19 Earl's Terrace, Kensington, W.: Johann van Oosterzee Marais, Forest Department, Knysna, Cape Colony: Basil William Martin, The Vicarage, Darley Abbey, Derby: Arnold Matthews, Ballynahinch Castle, Toombeola, Co. Galway: Richard Meinertzhagen, Mottisfont Abbey, Romsey: John Leonard Newman, Park Field, Mill Hill, Middlesex: Walter Henry Pope, 2 Hanover Terrace, Weymouth: Arnold Duer Sapsworth, Higham Lodge, Woodford Green, Essex: Frederick Courteney Selous, C.M.Z.S., Alpine Lodge, Worplesdon, Surrey: The Rev. William Serle, M.A., B.D., 35 Bridge Street, Musselburgh, N.B.: Frederic Sharman, Yate Lodge, Bedford: Herbert James Walton, M.B., F.R.C.S., Indian Medical Service, care of Messrs. King & Co., Bombay: Lionel W. Wigglesworth, 42 Gloucester Place, Portman Square, W.: Alexander Frederick Richmond-Wollaston, B.A., 19 Upper Gloucester Place, N.W.

After a vote of thanks to the Council of the Zoological Society of London for the use of the Society's Rooms, the Meeting adjourned.

The Annual Dinner, subsequently held at Limmer's Hotel, was attended by 23 Members and guests.